

COLLEGE STUDENT AID COMMISSION[283]

Adopted and Filed Emergency

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 261.3, the College Student Aid Commission hereby adopts new Chapter 16, “Washington, D.C., Internship Grant,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The purpose of these rules is to implement the Washington, D.C., Internship Grant as enacted by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2679.

In compliance with Iowa Code section 17A.4(2), the Commission finds that notice and public participation are unnecessary. Emergency adoption of these rules will ensure that all action taken by the Commission is in compliance with federal law and regulations.

The Commission also finds, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.5(2)“b”(2), that the normal effective date of these rules should be waived and these rules should be made effective upon filing, as this will confer a benefit on the public by allowing the rules to become effective prior to the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year.

These rules are also published herein under Notice of Intended Action as **ARC 7096B** to allow for public comment.

The Commission adopted these rules on July 29, 2008.

These rules became effective on August 1, 2008.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 261 and 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2679.

The following amendment is adopted.

Adopt the following **new 283—Chapter 16**:

CHAPTER 16

WASHINGTON, D.C., INTERNSHIP GRANT

283—16.1(82GA,HF2679) Washington, D.C., internship grant.

16.1(1) The Washington, D.C., internship grant is a state-supported and state-administered grant to a national nonprofit organization to be used to assist Iowa students in financing the costs of internship programs in Washington, D.C.

16.1(2) Definitions. As used in this chapter:

“*Internship*” means a placement in Washington, D.C., for which the recipient receives college credit that is directly applied to the recipient’s transcript at the Iowa college or university in which the recipient is enrolled.

“*National nonprofit organization*” or “*organization*” means the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars located at 1333 16th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2205.

283—16.2(82GA,HF2679) Awarding of grant.

16.2(1) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the college student aid commission shall enter into a statewide affiliation agreement with, and award funding to, the national nonprofit organization as provided by 2008 Iowa Acts, House File 2679. All Iowa students shall be given an equal opportunity to apply for funding under the internship program.

16.2(2) Restrictions. The following restrictions on the funding apply:

a. One hundred percent of the funding must go directly to students in the form of academic scholarships.

b. All awards must be reported to the college student aid commission by June 30 for each fiscal year in which funding is distributed. Information must be reported in a format prescribed by the commission, and information about each recipient shall, at a minimum, include:

- (1) Student-specific information including name and address;
- (2) Iowa college or university at which the student is enrolled;
- (3) Amount of award provided to the student; and
- (4) Name of the organization to which the student is assigned.

c. Up to 50 percent of the funding shall be dedicated to students participating in the two-to-one federal and state matching agricultural biofuels from biomass internship pilot program if the program is funded by the U.S. Congress.

283—16.3(82GA, HF2679) Student eligibility.

16.3(1) Applicants must:

- a. Be residents of the state of Iowa;
- b. Be enrolled in Iowa-accredited higher education institutions, as defined in Iowa Code section 261.92, subsection 1; and
- c. Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

16.3(2) Applicants must complete and file annual applications for the internship program by the deadline established by the national nonprofit organization. If funds remain available after the application deadline, the organization will continue to accept applications. To ensure equal access to the application process, the application and information about the grant will be provided on the commission's Web site.

16.3(3) Applicants must begin their first internship positions in Washington, D.C., on or after July 1, 2008.

283—16.4(82GA, HF2679) Awarding of funds.

16.4(1) *Selection criteria.* All applications received on or before the published deadline will be considered for funding. In the event that all applications for the program cannot be funded with the available appropriations, criteria for selection of recipients will be prioritized under standards established by the national nonprofit organization.

16.4(2) *Award amount.* The maximum annual award to an eligible intern shall be \$2,000.

16.4(3) *Extent of assistance.* Recipients may receive grant assistance for no more than one semester.

16.4(4) *Disbursement of funds.* The national nonprofit organization will disburse funds to recipients in accordance with the established payment schedule developed by the organization.

283—16.5(82GA, HF2679) Restrictions. An applicant who is in default on a Federal Stafford Loan, SLS Loan, Perkins/National Direct/National Defense Student Loan, Health Professions Student Loan (HPSL), or Health Education Assistance Loan (HEAL) or who owes a repayment on any Title IV grant assistance or state award shall be ineligible for internship benefits. Eligibility for state aid may be reinstated upon payment in full of the delinquent obligation or by commission ruling on the basis of adequate extenuating evidence presented in appeal under the procedures set forth in 283—Chapters 4 and 5.

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